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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were pending in the present Application. Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 1-22 stand allowed. Claim 24 has been canceled and Claim 23 has been amended, leaving Claims 1-22 and 24 for consideration in the present amendment. Claim 23 was amended to include all of the features of canceled Claim 24.

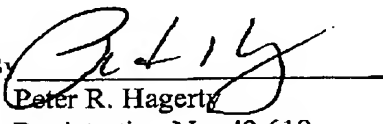
It is believed that the amendments made herein may be properly entered at this time, i.e., after final rejection, because the amendments do not require a new search or raise new issues and reduce issues for appeal. In particular, the claims as amended are believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the Final Office Action. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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